(c) whether decision has been taken for utilisation of this amount in Rajasthan and Maharashtra; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) In order to exploit the groundwater potential avai lable in Eastern region, Government of India has approved a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "On Farm Water Management" which has been launched during the year 2001-2002 for increasing crop production in Eastern India. Under the scheme financial assistance for sinking Shallow Tube Wells/Low Lift Irrigation points, electric/dicsel water pumping sets and dug wells (for plateau regions only) will be provided to the farmers through NABARD as credit linked scheme. The funding pattern of the scheme will be on 20:30:50 basis *i.e.* 20% as contribution from the beneficiaries, 30% as Government of India assistance as subsidy and remaining 50% as loan from the commercial/State cooperative/rural banks. This scheme is to be implemented in ten States, *viz.,* Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Eastern UP and West Bengal.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The scheme is approved only for Eastern India.

Promoting aquaculture

3327. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any scheme to promote aquaculture industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such industries functioning at present; and

(d) the number of applications received for setting upsuch industries during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUM DEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) There is no Aquaculture industry in the Country. Aquaculture is a farming activity which the Government is supporting through a technical, financial and extension package to fish/ shrimp farmers through Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Development of Fresh Water Aquaculture and Integrated Coastal Aquaculture. A network of 429 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs) and 39 Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) has been established for this purpose. The State-wise details of such agencies are given in Statement-I. (See below).

(d) No applications were received for setting up of Aquaculture Industry. However, the applications received by the Aquaculture Authority from the State Level Committees of Coastal States/Union Territory till March, 2002 for setting up of shrimp farms in coastal areas is given in Statement^.

Statement-I

State-wise details of Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDAs) and Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs)

SI. No.	States/UT	No. of FFDAs	No. of BFDAs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	22	6
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	—
3.	Assam	23	—
4.	Bihar	49	—
5.	Goa	1	1
6.	Gujarat	21	3
7.	Haryana	18	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2	—
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	2	—
10.	Karnataka	18	2
11.	Kerala	14	7
12.	Madhya Pradesh	45	—
13.	Maharashtra	29	4
14.	Manipur	8	—
15.	Meghalaya	2	—
16.	Mizoram	5	—
17.	Nagaland	8	—
18.	Orissa	30	7
19.	Punjab	17	—
20.	Rajasthan	15	—
21.	Sikkim	1	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	17	5
23.	Tripura	4	—
24.	Uttar Pradesh	56	—
25.	West Bengal	18	3
26.	Pondicherry	2	—
27.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	—	1
	TOTAL;	429	39

Statement-II

Present status of applications received from State Level Committees for approval of the Aquaculture Authority

Sl.No.	States/Union Territory	Total No. of applications received
I.	West Bengal	644
2.	Orissa	1609
3.	Kerala	410
4.	Gujarat	193
5.	Karnataka	191
6.	Maharashtra	130
7.	Andhra Pradesh	264
8.	Tamil Nadu	234
9.	Goa	49
10.	Pondicherry	15
	TOTAL-	3739

Notification of spices by ICAR

3328. SHRI MANMOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three varieties of Ginger, four of Turmeric and one of Mango-ginger have not been notified by the ICAR, which has been released by the Central Variety Release Committee and requested by the Orissa University of Agricultural Technology;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the other such spices pending for notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.